

PORTSMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITYANNUAL REPORT 1972SECTION I - Staff

No change.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (net)	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			BY M.O.H.	BY P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports	386	143,852	-	260	Nil
Coastwise <sup>SE</sup>	3,908	1,230,040	-	192	Nil
TOTAL	4,294	1,373,892	-	452	Nil

\* Includes traffic between Isle of Wight and Portsmouth

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic -	(Number of passengers INWARDS Number of passengers OUTWARDS)	Negligible Negligible
Cargo Traffic -	(Principal IMPORTS Barley, scrap iron, general cargo.	Oranges and other citrus fruits, potatoes, tomatoes, cauliflowers, canned fruit and vegetables, tomato products, wine, onions, almonds, timber, hardboard, fertilizer, raw plastics, coal.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive	Channel Islands, Agadir, Casablanca, Linasol, Algiers, Mostaganem, Annaba, Alexandria, Lisbon, Lixioses, Cartagena, Pasajes, Nantes, Roscoff, Canary Islands, Rotterdam, Bremen, various ports in Sweden, Finland and Brazil.	



SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic

There is no Inland barge traffic.

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SECTION V - Water Supply

No change.

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SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1970

No change.

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SECTION VII - Smallpox

- (1) Cases of smallpox are at present removed to the smallpox hospital at Weyhill Hospital, near Andover.
- (2) Cases conveyed by the Portsmouth Municipal Ambulance Service, the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews being ascertained annually.
- (3) The smallpox consultants are Dr. W.B. O'Driscoll and Dr. I.M. MacLachlan.
- (4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox exist, by arrangement with the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Area Pathological Service, at the Central Laboratory, East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital, Portsmouth.

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SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No change.



SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of Cases during the year		Number of Ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports .. .. .	NONE	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival .. .. .	NONE	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	NONE	-	-	-

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No malaria occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No plague or suspected plague occurred in ships during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

- (1) Every effort is made to examine all vessels arriving from abroad. Periodic examinations are made of vessels engaged in coastal traffic only.
- (2) Bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents can be carried out at the Central Laboratory, East Wing, St. Mary's General Hospital; none was examined during the year.





- (3) Minor infestations are treated by the staff of the Portsmouth Local Authority. The methods used are baiting and poisoning using Warfarin or, in special cases, Fluorocetamide. Major infestations are dealt with by the Marine Division of Messrs. Rentokil Limited.
- (4) When necessary rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and quays.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

Category				Number
Black Rats	..	..	..	None
Brown Rats	..	..	..	None
Species not known			..	None
Sent for examination			..	None
Infected with plague			..	None

As from 1st January, 1970, the Authority was approved by the Minister in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates and Deratting Certificates and thus became an "approved port" and "designated approved port", within the meaning of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1970.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships on arrival from foreign ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
HCN	Other fumigant					
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	48	48





SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Primary ..	439	-	4	All remedied before ships sailed
Re-inspections	13	-	-	
TOTAL	452	-	4	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants

Not applicable.

SECTION XVI - Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease

No change.



SECTION XVII - MiscellaneousImported Food Regulations 1968

Food imports have again consisted principally of fruit and vegetable produce. The proportion of citrus fruit has increased due to the additional trade from Algeria. The container trade, established in 1971, has increased considerably and now includes regular shipments of canned fruit and vegetables from Spain. Following the industrial dispute, all Customs clearance now takes place in the port enabling inspection to take place before distribution to inland destinations. 139 samples were taken and submitted to the City Analyst for examination. One sample of Tomato Powder was found to be borderline in that the lead content was found to be unusually high. Repeat samples were taken and these were found to be satisfactory. One sample of Moroccan oranges was found to have a high quantity of pesticide residue but within acceptable limits. A sample of Jersey tomatoes was found to have an excess of D.D.T. but it was not possible to follow up this sample since further imports from this grower were not made due to the season for this product coming to an end.

Royal Fleet Auxiliaries

The Port Health Authority has continued to examine Royal Fleet Auxiliaries arriving in the port. The work of issuing Deratting Exemption Certificates for these ships is now shared with the Naval Health Authority.

